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1. WE CARRIED OUT INSTRUCTIONS PER REF A MORNING MARCH 21, IN APPROACH TO JEREMY CRAIG, FONOFF POLITICAL DIVISION. HE HAD NOT RECEIVED REPORT FROM IRISH DEL IN ROME BUT PROMISED TO CHECK ON MATTER AND CONSIDER NEW STEPS. WE DO NOT EXPECT A REPLY FROM FONOFF, SINCE IT ALMOST ALWAYS LEAVES WIDE AREA OF DISCRETION TO DELEGATION. WE HOPE, HOWEVER, THAT FONOFF WILL GET OUT A CABLE NOTING AMERICAN INTEREST, WHICH MIGHT DO SOME GOOD.

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WM DURING SEVERAL SIMILAR RECENT APPROACHES TO FONOFF, WE

HAVE HAD IMPRESSION THAT OUR CONTACTS ARE INCREASINGLY UNCOMFORTABLE WITH PRG ISSUES. THEY SEEM TO HAVE BEEN HOLDING THE LINE ON ACTUAL VOTES, AND WE SUSPECT THEY MAY BE MAKING A SPECIAL EFFORT TO BE HELPFUL DURING THE TIME THEY ARE IN CHARGE OF US/EC CONSULTATIONS. THEY HAVE HINTED, HOWEVER, THAT DECISIONS ARE GETTING DIFFICULT. TODAY, FOR EXAMPLE, CRAIG POLITELY MENTIONED THAT PRESS REPORTS MUST BE CAUSING US SOME PROBLEMS. HE WAS, REFERRING TO NEWS ABOUT SAIGON'S DECISION TO ABANDON LARGE AREAS TO PRG/NVN. IRELAND PRIZES ITS GOOD STANDING IN THIRD-WORLD COUNTRIES, AND WE THINK IRISH ARE SENDING US POLITE MESSAGES THAT THEY WILL EVENTUALLY HAVE TO VOTE WITH THE THIRD WORLD ON PRG ISSUES. CERTAINLY WE DOUBT THAT IRELAND CAN HOLD OUT IF OTHER EC COUNTRIES CAVE. WE DO NOT THINK IT WILL BE WISE TO MAKE AGGRESSIVE OR FREQUENT DE-

MARCHES HERE, BUT WE WILL MAKE A POINT OF THANKING FONOFF WHEN IT SUPPORTS US. SECRETARY KISSINGER'S RECENT TALK WITH FONMIN FITZGERALD MAY BE OUR BEST ASSET, EVEN THOUGH THIS SPECIFIC SUBJECT DID NOT ARISE AT ALL.
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